

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1891.

—Illinois has not yet elected a United States Senator.

—The groundhog has become as unreliable as the goosebone.

—Mr. Hatch is not talking any more about free coinage of silver. Cleveland's letter took his breath away.

—Has the Farmers' Alliance heard from Hatch in regard to their demand to have one billion five hundred millions of legal tender issued?

—The people of Cuba are anxious to be taken into the reciprocity policy under the McKinley act, so they can get their sugar into the United States.

—Western Democrats may howl about Cleveland's antagonism to silver, but they will have to accept him as their candidate for president just the same.

—The refunding of the direct taxes of 1861 will entitle Missouri to \$649,000. This was brought about by Republican legislation in the face of the most determined democratic opposition.

—The residence of ex-Governor R. J. Oglesby, near Elkhart, Ill., was destroyed by fire, Monday morning. Mrs. Oglesby was seriously burned, but her injuries are not dangerous. The loss is estimated at \$25,000.

—The newspaper accounts of the street fight between editors at Columbus, Ohio, read very much like those of a Central American revolution, and the results, two killed and several wounded were also about the same.

—Senator Carlisle is the latest sufferer from that dangerous malady known as Presidential fever. Once thoroughly inoculated with the virus of that disease no man was ever known to entirely recover his peace of mind.

—Republicans are enjoying the scrapping match between the Cleveland and anti-Cleveland Democrats knowing that they are fighting for what is certain to be an empty honor—next year's Democratic nomination.

—The President made no mistake in selecting ex-Gov. Charles Foster to succeed Secretary Windom. The new Secretary is a practical and successful business man, and that's just the kind of man the people want to see at the head of the Treasury department.

—Governor Hill seems to have forgotten how badly he was left in his attempt to run the national government in connection with the census enumeration of New York City. Now he wants to run the State of Connecticut. It's a great pity this political "Smart Aleck" cannot find enough to do at home.

—The only fault the democrats can find of the nomination of Hon. Charles Foster to be Secretary of the Treasury, is that his politics are too intensely Republican. It would be well for the future welfare of the Republican party if they could truthfully say the same thing of every Federal office holder.

—Governor Tillman, of South Carolina, says that the Farmers' Alliance in his state, was organized for the purpose of controlling the Democratic party in that state, and that upon National questions it will always support the Democratic ticket. This is not very new, but it is worth thinking over by those who are sanguine enough to figure upon electoral votes from the South for an Alliance National ticket next year.

—Republicans throughout the country had reason to be proud of the record made by their party in the first session of the Fifty-first Congress, but candor compels us to say that as much cannot be said of the last session, which will be long remembered because of the series of lost opportunities that were presented only to be declined by enough Republicans to defeat them. Of course it is folly to waste time in criticizing what has been done or left undone, now that it is too late to change it, but an honest expression of opinion is always beneficial—to the party expressing it.

—Hon. Jerry Simpson sprung a hoary-headed chestnut when he asserted that the Republican party was dead. We have heard that same story at irregular intervals for many years, but the Republican party goes right along advocating all that is best and most patriotic for the country. Many people are sometimes led astray by glittering generalities, as some Republicans were last year, but they always return to the Republican fold, just as the thousands will do next year. When the Republican party dies its death will be followed by the funeral of Republican institutions and the people are not ready yet to welcome a dictator.

—During the campaign last fall the Democrats made a great deal of capital of the increased duty upon tin plate. The increase of duty under the McKinley bill is \$24 per ton, and the Democrats claimed that it must come out of the pockets of the working classes who are the chief consumers of tin ware. English manufacturers of tin plate are now offering to continue their contracts to furnish tin plate after July 1, at the same prices as before. This means that English manufacturers of tin plate have decided to pay the tariff out of their own pockets, and for each ton shipped into this country \$24 will go into the treasury of the United States, while American consumers will get the tin plate without any increase in price.

## THERE'S MILLIONS IN IT.

The reciprocity scheme for trade with South America grows in popularity, as the great benefits of this wonderful business policy unfold before the people. That these benefits will extend to all classes of labor in the United States, is now beyond all question, as a study of the products and present condition of South American countries will show.

South America has hitherto been a breadless continent. Wheat cannot be grown outside of Chili and the Argentine Republic, and every effort to cultivate it outside of these two countries has proved an utter failure. The result is that bread is almost unknown, and none but the wealthiest can afford to indulge in the luxury. A loaf of bread is never made except on special order and then it costs 50c or more. Butter is worth \$1 a pound, and ham, "good old sweet ham," so common on the tables of the working men of our own country, retails at 70c per pound, and are luxuries that can only be afforded by the rich. But in addition to the market for agricultural products, it will open the same market for our manufactured goods, such as cotton goods, leather goods of all kinds, hardware, glassware, cutlery, and machinery of every description. They are not a manufacturing people, and do not even repair machinery that is broken, but throw it aside and substitute a new article.

This is the market that is opened to us by reciprocity. It will start the plow, forge and spindle, and infuse new life into every department of trade and business. It will furnish the forty-five millions of people of those countries with the necessities of life, and will distribute directly to our own agriculturists and laborers the \$60,000,000 gold that have gone annually to those countries to liquidate the trade balance against us. When we consider that this vast and lucrative market has been so long enjoyed by other countries to the almost total exclusion of the United States, and now so soon to become our own, it is not strange that "Blaine and business" has become the cry, for the people realize that there's millions in it.

LITCHFIELD, ILL., Feb. 24. Blackmore's "Humbug" played to a crowded house last night and gave the best satisfaction of any show that has ever visited the city of Litchfield. Litchfield gets the finest shows traveling, but Blackmore's "Humbug" was an eye-opener to our people last night. Its name belies it, and our people say "Humbug" as again and again. We will add right here that it is unnecessary for us to speak of any one feature of the show. Every act was a feature, every performer an artist. One of the most complete entertainments ever witnessed by a Litchfield audience. Blackmore's "Humbug" goes from here to Edwardsville. May success and fortune follow him is the wish of Litchfielders. At Opera House March 7th.

## Mossback Retrospective.

It seems the party despots are disposed to let me do my worst in the way of exposure. Very good; but I would remind them that the wisest men are sometimes mistaken. It is hardly necessary to say the mirror will not be held up in a manner to flatter trickery. I mean to deal in unvarnished facts. This the Democrat who waits and hopes for office may not do; but I am out on the "pitted south hill of tinmouth," whence my voice may never again penetrate to the temple. My political identity has dwindled to such an extent, that Hatch no longer remembers me with papers of tobacco seed and the like, hence I have little to fear. I was born about sixty years ago, in a locality in Kentucky which has not produced many celebrities. Obscurity and poverty came to me as my interest in the Mossback possessions. I was the eldest of a family of twelve children and from six to ten dogs. My father was a plain old-fashioned Democrat, who would rather kill a deer, whip a nigger or vote for Andrew Jackson, than go to the legislature. His admiration for Jackson was boundless. I believe he thought by a single wave of the hand Jackson could have made the Ohio river flow up channel and discharge its waters into Lake Erie. Educational facilities were lacking in the neighborhood where my youth was passed. Schools were practically unknown. I believe a Yankee once did under take a term on the subscription plan, but disappeared at the end of the first week, and was never heard of again. We did not honor Yankees in Kentucky. An article or two belonging to this one came into Bill Biffen's hands somehow, but no copy cured to question Bill about it. Bill was overseer of the biggest plantation in the county, known as Buzzard Bottom. He could play a reed-trait nigger more beautifully than any one else I ever saw. When he finally died of snakes in his boots, I succeeded him as superintendent, but I never could get Bill's art into my regular flogging exercises. My position at Buzzard Bottom was not altogether a sinecure, but I did better there for a few years than I have been able to do since. The proprietor, Hiram Bunker, was a typical planter of the good old times. But poker, horse races and runaways reduced him to rags and wretchedness, and not long before the war I found myself adrift in the world. Though nearly thirty years old, I could hardly read in monosyllables, and positively could not have exchanged my autograph for a hotel. Then as now, I had a leaning to politics, but my ideas were rather crude and inaccurate. To my thinking, John Calhoun, Andrew Jackson and Jefferson Davis constituted at least three-fourths of the western hemisphere, while in the vague and misty future Solomon Mossback might rise to the dimensions of the other fourth. I confess I was never so modest as some men. No danger of my committing a folly like Diocletian, who abdicated a throne for the sake of raising cabbage.

From Kentucky I drifted to Missouri. A greater mistake I could not have made. But conviction often comes too late. I came, I saw, I was conquered. A maiden with eyes blue enough to kill and lips red enough to kiss to life, beguiled me into making an appointment with a minister one day. Mrs. Mossback grew up in Elm Narrows; in Elm Narrows she would stay, whether her dear Solomon rose to distinction or did not. Hardly was the honeymoon over when the war came. I sympathized with the South, but wished to avoid bloodshed—at least of a personal nature. However, the pressure became so strong I yielded, and joined a company of Confederates mainly recruited from the Narrows. Before enlisting, the leaders about town promised me a captaincy or something better within two months. This was a piece of later tricks practiced upon me. I was in but one engagement—the famous battle of Athens, in Clark county, in which we lost presence of mind, haversacks, coats and most everything else that was loose. Early in the night I left to bring the glad tidings of victory, never once doubting the issue. I imagined myself a swift courier, but on arriving at Lancaster, found all my comrades had beaten me. To make the affair more shameful, the leaders declared me a deserter, and said they came back to look for me. So began my wrongs at the hands of my party, of the continuance of which I expect to speak out boldly and consecutively.

The Thomson-Houston Electric Light Co. offer to put in a plant at Shelbyville of 30 arc lights of 1200 candle power, and to include house engine, dynamo, poles, wire and all other necessary apparatus to run the plant, for \$4795. The expense of running the plant figured high including fuel, engineer, incidentals and interest on the investment to amount to \$115 per month. The 30 arc lights at \$6 per month amount to \$180, leaving a clear profit of \$65 per month, or \$780 per year—a right nice interest on the investment. Canton News.

## Walnut Whittlings.

Not much snow. Beautiful winter weather. Mrs. Wm. Prentice is on the sick list. Prentice brothers are feeding a car load of cattle for market. Mr. Jackson Miller received a slight injury, last week, by a log rolling on his foot. Mr. Goodnight, of Elmer, will change his place of residence to this side of the Chariton. Mr. Henry Miller has purchased property in Elmer where he will reside in the future. Miss Mildred Harris closed a very successful term of school at the Star School house, last week. Sarah Vertreese has been very ill for the past six weeks, but we are happy to say she is convalescing. Rev. Green and wife closed a protracted meeting at the Bell School house this week with nineteen additions to the church. J. F. Bulkley will return from St. Joseph, this week, where he has been attending the Medical College. We hope the Dr. will locate in this vicinity. Henry Shultiss of the firm of Keyte & Shultiss, has sold his interest to Mr. Keyte and intends to move back to his farm in the Spring.

## Adair Items.

Health of community is generally good. Vance, Pierson & Company moved to Gibbs, Monday. The literary is moving along nicely and doing good work. T. M. Ludden is home again after closing a term of school at Olive Hill. Railroads very rough and winter has come, somewhat unexpectedly to those who have sown oats. J. M. Ludden was slightly hurt about a week ago by his horse falling with him. A dislocated arm is the most serious injury. The Gordon Grove school closed last Friday with an excellent program suited for the occasion. Mr. Reynolds has taught a very good school and deserves credit for the same. We notice a stranger in the village who is said to be a post-office inspector, looking after the baggage that was committed here some weeks ago. Nothing definite has been accomplished at this writing. The Adair school closed Wednesday with an exhibition in the evening. Miss Teresa Hanes has made an excellent teacher, and we think the board would do well to secure her services for the summer term.

## Wilson Waifs.

Bernard Barrows has moved to a farm near Locust Hill. Mrs. Grant has returned from her trip to Deep Water. Grandma Clemison has been quite sick for the past week. A girl baby has arrived at the home of Wm. Conklin and a boy at Allen Shouse's. Mr. Williams who has been on the Reynier farm for the past year has moved to LaPlata. Mrs. Henry Barnhart of Brashear, spent several days last week with relatives in this vicinity. Miss Sophia Anderson, of Ballion, was entertained by Miss Mable Kirkpatrick, last week. Winter has come in earnest. The mercury reached ten degrees below zero this morning. Our winter term of school, taught by Miss Nettie Anderson, closed the 21st inst. Miss Nettie taught an excellent school. Since our last, Jas. Billings of Dodge City, Kans., accompanied by his bride, is spending a few days with his parents near Wilson. J. M. Traylor has moved to his newly purchased farm near LaPlata. Mr. Craig, who purchased Mr. Traylor's farm here, has arrived with his family from Illinois. Mr. Hicks who purchased the farm has arrived and expects his family next week. Restric.

## Brashear Items.

Our merchants are now daily in receipt of large invoices of spring stocks thereby replenishing their stores and ever ready to meet their constantly increasing trade. J. N. McCreery and family returned last week from their Florida trip looking no "worse the wear" from their two months stay in the land of "Flowers and oranges" notwithstanding Jim's previous published bill of fare in the columns of the "GRAPHIC." Our Butchers are now taking advantage of the opportunity to procure ice and are now having the places prepared for its reception rapidly filled. Rev. P. St. Clair of the M. E. Church is absent in attendance at the annual Conference of this district, now in session at Brookfield. Rev. Bruner of the U. B. Church is now holding a series of revival meetings at their church in this place. He is ably assisted by the Rev. Davis, of Trenton, Mo. Lumber is being placed on the grounds for repairing and building new sidewalks in certain parts

of the city on the advent of good weather.

Negotiations are now in progress for the purchase of the academy building for public school; but it is said if consummated it will require a special act of legislature, as the third story is owned and occupied as an A. F. & A. M. Hall.

S. Rogers successor to W. W. Pevehouse in the hardware business, expects soon to include a stock of furniture therewith as he has ample room to handle both lines.

Brashear is enjoying the benefits of competitive buyers of both grain and stock. Both stock dealers buy grain & Vice Versa.

## Gibbs Items.

Our ice men are busy this week. This is said to be good "cool weather." Frank Huston is building a barn. Mr. Wash. Brackney is quite sick at this time. Mr. Atkinson is pressing hay on the Gibbs farm. The protracted meeting closed last Thursday night. A number of persons on the sick list this week. Uncle Jim Denton will move to the country to-day. Jo. Moore is buying oats and corn and shipping the same to St. Louis. To-day is "hog day" which brings several farmers to town to deliver hogs. Rev. St. Clair preached his farewell sermon last Sunday before conference. Let every Republican in the county do some missionary work among his neighbors. Miss Mamie Grubb, who has been attending college at Hurland, returned home last week. Look out for "Blaine and business" in '92, boys. There will be no Magwump calamity business in '92. The public school at Gopher Hill taught by Miss Corbin, closed last week with an entertainment. Messrs Gibbs and Conway are doing a big business in stock during the last two weeks. They will ship 3 cars of hogs to-day. There were several families from Illinois settled in this vicinity last week. These people come well prepared for business. George Elmore has moved to his farm near Blanket Grove and will begin to build a new house as soon as the weather will permit. John Heck a young man who had been working on the railroad at this place, quietly left town one night last week. Several of our good people got "left" at the same time.

Our public school taught by Miss Hattie Barnhill, closed last week with an entertainment given by the school, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Gibbs, Charley Taylor, and others. Miss Barnhill has taught a very successful term and we hope she may be employed for the next school year.

## Seed Potatoes.

Yes the time to look for seed potatoes has come and while you are looking, remember that Beauty of Hebron is better than the Rose to eat, and is a better yielder and keeper; that the Stray Beauty is the finest and earliest for garden culture, matures too early for bugs or drought to hurt it, but is not a large cropper; that the New Queen or sometimes called Prairie Queen is among the very best early varieties for yielding, keeping and eating; that while the Rural Blush does not always beat the Empire State for a yield as a second early variety, there is nothing on the list that is better to eat or keep till the new crop comes. If you want something that yields well and sells well on its looks, without respect to quality, get Mammoth Pearl, Pearlless or Burbank's Seedling. There are 500 varieties not named here all the best and if you want good unmixed seed send to some reliable seedsmen, who makes potatoes a specialty, or some reliable grower at home. Potatoes do not mix except in the bin or measure and careful handling will keep them clear.

## POTATO GROWER.

## Advertised Letters.

Letters remaining in the office Feb. 21, 1891, will be sent to the dead letter office at the expiration of 30 days: Wm. Carnegie, Emma Crittenden, Mrs. Julia Daughery, Jno. Evans, W. S. Jewett, Jno. W. Lee, Jno. C. Lers, Mariah Wilson. When calling for these letters please say advertised.

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49 lb sack Daisy high Pat-	ent Flour.....	\$1.40	25 bars White Russian Soap	1.00
98 lb sack Daisy High Pat-	ent Flour.....	2.75	25 bars Royal Savon Soap	1.00
196 lb bbl Daisy High Pat-	ent Flour.....	5.40	25 bars Peet Bros. White Eagle Soap.....	1.00
49 lb sk Belle of Mexico flour	.....	1.30	5-lb packages Arm & Hammer Soda.....	.25
98 " " " " " " " "	.....	2.55	5-lb packages Dwight's Cow Soda.....	.25
196 lb bbl " " " " " "	.....	5.00	5-lb packages Lump Gloss Starch.....	.25
49 lb sk Famous "Straight"	.....	1.15	3-lb can peeled Peaches.....	.20
98 " " " " " " " "	.....	2.25	1 3-lb can Keokuk Tomatoes	.10
196 lb bbl " " " " " "	.....	4.40	12 3-lb cans " " " "	1.00
49 lb sk Hannibal High Pat-	ent Flour.....	1.40	4 1-lb packages A. B. Coffee	.35
98 lb sk Hannibal High Pat-	ent Flour.....	2.75	4 1-lb packages Lyon " "	.35
196 lb bbl Hannibal High Pat-	ent Flour.....	5.40	1 bbl fine Michigan salt.....	1.25
49 lb sack Hannibal Fancy	.....	1.30	4 1-lb Best Green Rio coffee	1.00
Grade Flour.....	.....	1.00	5 lbs fair " " " "	1.00
98 lb sack Hannibal Fancy	.....	2.55	1 lb Star tobacco.....	.40
Grade Flour.....	.....	2.00	1 lb Q. Q. " " " "	.25
196 lb bbl Hannibal Fancy	.....	5.00	1 lb Old Kentucky tobacco	.40
Grade Flour.....	.....	.70	1 Set 7-inch Plates, white ware	.40
1 Set knives and forks.....	.....		1 set cups and saucers white	.40
			4 gallons stoneware, best....	.25

The sample lot of our pure seed potatoes are now in and you can select your seed and have them kept for you until you get ready to plant them. Our price on "Cock of the Walk" flour has been withdrawn and still our price is lower on this article than any of our competitors. See us on flour.

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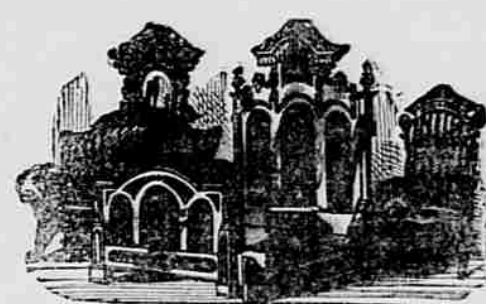
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Among other proceedings of the county court in session this week, the following was had: Whereas it appears to this court that on the 20th day of December, 1890, there was a felony committed in Adair county, Missouri, by burning the public school building in district No. 5, township 61, range 14, in county and state aforesaid, and that again on the night of Feb. 13, 1891, after said school house had been rebuilt, the same was again burned and destroyed, and again on the night of Feb. 27, 1891, the old school house belonging to said district was burned and totally destroyed, by fire. The court therefore believing the same to be the work of an incendiary, by virtue of the authority vested in it offers a reward of \$100 for apprehension and conviction of the person or persons causing either of the above fires.

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